

CALIFORNIA INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA

**Wednesday, February 26, 2003
Department of Consumer Affairs
400 'R' Street
Sacramento, California**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victor Weisser, Chair
Norm Covell, Vice-Chair
Elizabeth Deakin
Dennis DeCota
Bruce Hotchkiss
Sheldon Kamieniecki
Robert Pearman
Richard Skaggs
Jeffrey Williams

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

James Lents

STAFF:

Don Chang, Legal Counsel
Lynn Forsyth, Executive Assistant

MOTIONS:

1. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Covell and seconded by Member Williams to approve the Meeting Minutes Summary for the January 29, 2003 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Covell and seconded by Member Skaggs to have the Chair assign specific committee members to groups for evaluation of items in potential areas of IMRC focus.

Discussion Items:

- A. A continuation of the discussion from the last meeting was held to further identify and define which issues the IMRC may want to be focus upon. The following list was discussed for clarification:
 1. Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature
 2. Quantify emission reductions
 3. Quantify improvements in air quality
 4. Evaluate reports submitted by ARB and BAR, including program modifications
 5. Gold Shield Program
 6. Consumer Assistance program

Clarification - includes economic hardship extension and repair cost waivers.

7. Scrappage credit programs:
Smog Check Program
Accelerated Vehicle retirement Program by ARB
8. Limiting Vehicles Exemptions
Concept would be to examine what the impact of exemptions have been on program performance, high mileage vehicles, late model, exempted from or removed from the vehicle exemption list.
9. Emission control equipment warranties
- 10.. Evaluation of High Emitter Profile Program (HEP)
11. Public information on car emission control equipment performance
12. Cost and consumer acceptance
13. Public/private partnership
The program was initiated via public/private partnership in reducing emissions and how cohesively industry and government could work to reduce emissions
14. Station performance
15. Bay Area enhanced program rollout - technician and equipment availability
16. Percentage of vehicles directed to test-only
17. New technologies
 First idea e committee become a sounding board for specific new technological suggestions, second idea look at how new technology is introduced in this program in a programmatic fashion to see whether the program is structured and administered in such a way that new ideas get a fair hearing, are examined and decisions are made on whether new technologies work, but not for the committee to get involved in picking technology A versus technology B.
18. 30-year rolling exemption.
19. Exemption for collector cars through a new vehicle waiver exemption process.
20. Enforcement: are failing cars being repaired or removed from the fleet?
21. 'Lost cars.'
Cars that fail Smog Check and that are never seen or heard from again
22. Subsidies for cost-effective repairs costing more than the existing cut-off point
23. Roadside inspection
The testing of some of the vehicles with remote sensing
24. Test-only no-show rate
25. "SB 42 takeaway"
'66 to '73 vehicles are exempt from the biennial test, and beginning in 2003 it rolls over to a 30-year rolling exemption.
26. Six year new car exemption
High vehicle mileage and warranty on emission-related components.
27. Pollution credits, 'natural' scrappage versus 'forced' scrappage.
Voluntary scrappage versus incentivised scrappage
28. Provide accurate numbers on cars directed to test-only versus test-and-repair
29. Equipment requirements in the Bay Area
30. Organizational structure in Smog Check Program, who is responsible for what?
31. Verify the 36 percent test-only directed
32. Examine appropriateness of cut points
33. SB 285 Mountjoy.
SB 285 Mountjoy, 1999, would make SB 42 parallel in the remote sensing exemption
34. Quality audit to improve the Smog Check Program's performance
35. Smog Check post-test flag that would be displayed after a smog test is performed.
36. Create exhaust opacity standards to reduce particulate matter emissions.
37. Evaluate the ancillary benefits of Smog Check.
 Benefits from Smog Check that are not quantifiable in a reduction as a Smog Check is done. Car manufacturers act differently in their design and implementation of vehicles, car dealer mechanics work differently, car parts suppliers and consumers react differently
38. Create vehicle specific emission standards to improve fairness and performance
the effectiveness of getting more vehicle specific rather than just engine groups
38. Require all persons performing Smog Checks to be licensed.
39. Enforcement.

40. Require Smog Checks to be performed by providers who do not have an ownership interest in the car being tested
 41. Evaluate the level of unlicensed Smog Check repairs provided for pay and develop an audit procedure to improve compliance with the licensing rule
 42. Remote Sensing
 43. Consumer information
 44. Statewide testing
 45. Future of the Test and Repair Industry
 46. Legislation and Regulations being proposed regarding Smog Check
 47. Bringing certain vehicles (e.g. high mileage fleet cars) in for annual inspections
- B. A short report was given by the ad hoc committee comprised by Chair Weisser and Vice-Chair Covell, regarding the Executive Officer position. The committee has received eight applications to date. Screening interviews will be conducted in March, with the selected candidates invited back for closed session interviews by the entire committee in early April.
- C. Subcommittees were created to explore areas of focus in more depth. The sub-committees are as follows:
1. CARB/BAR Reports (includes such things as quantifying emission reductions and air quality improvements related to the I&M Program and also the recommended program improvements contained in the reports)-
Team #1 COVELL/KAMIENIECKI TEAM #2 LENTS/WEISSER
 2. Consumer Assistance and Acceptance
Team #1 SKAGGS/PEARMAN Team #2 COVELL/HOTCHKISS
 3. Numbers and Frequency
DECOTA/KAMIENIECKI
 4. Station Relations and Behavior
DECOTA/WILLIAMS
 5. Testing Procedures
HOTCHKISS/WEISSER
 6. Other
PEARMAN/LENTS
- D. Committee members decided that any future requests for information from the various agencies are to be submitted to the Chair, who in turn, will make the formal request to the agency. This process is being adopted against duplication of effort.